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PRESIDENT THIEU ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE WILL REPLACE THE
 MILITARY COMMANDERS OF MILITARY REGIONS 2, 3, 8 AND 4.

MAJOR GENERAL PHAM VAN PHU WILL REPLACE GENERAL TOAN AS
 COMMANDER OF MR-2. PHU HAS BEEN COMMANDING THE QUANG TRUNG TRAINING
 CENTER, PRIMARILY TO ENABLE HIM TO RECUPERATE FROM SEVERE PHYSICAL
 EXHAUSTION THAT FOLLOWED THE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE IN 1972. HIS
 REPUTATION AS A MILITARY COMMANDER IS GOOD.

GENERAL NGUYEN VAN TOAN WILL BE REPLACED AS COMMANDER
 OF MR-3 BY LT. GENERAL DO QUOC DONG. DONG'S REPUTATION AS A COMBAT
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COMMANDER IS POOR AND HIS APPOINTMENT APPEARS TO BE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED.

THE DELTA COMMANDER, GENERAL NGUYEN VINH NGHI, WILL BE REPLACED BY MAJOR GENERAL NGUYEN KHOA NAM, PRESENT COMMANDER OF THE 7TH INFANTRY DIVISION. NAM HAS BEEN COMMANDER OF THE 7TH--TRADITIONALLY REGARDED AS THE DELTA'S BEST DIVISION--SINCE 1970. NAM'S REPUTATION AS A COMBAT COMMANDER AND LEADER IS EXCELLENT AND LIKE THE OTHER TWO GENERALS HE HAS NOT BEEN TAINTED WITH ANY CHARGES OF ILLICIT ACTIVITY.

NEW DIVISIONAL COMMANDERS ALSO WERE ANNOUNCED FOR THE 7TH, 21ST, AND 25TH INFANTRY DIVISIONS.

THE US EMBASSY IN SAIGON HAS NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM PRESS RUMORS THAT SIX CABINET MINISTERS HAVE RESIGNED. E2 IMPDET 25X1A9a

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